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NWT Labour Force Activity
- January 2015 -

Statistics Canada estimates that, in January 2015, out of 32,300 residents 15 years of age and older 21,600 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories, representing an employment rate of 66.9%. Among provinces and territories, the Northwest Territories had the third highest employment rate behind the Yukon and Alberta. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 60.9%.

Although the employment rate was unchanged from last month, it remains below historical rates for January. There were 900 less people employed in January 2015 compared to the same time last year.

Throughout the winter months, the number of persons not in the labour force has been stable, hovering around 8,900 (Figure 1).

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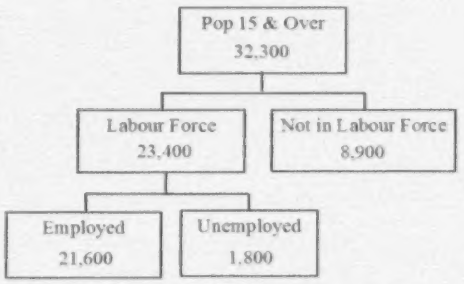

Figure 1 ***Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rate Northwest Territories, 2013 – 2015***

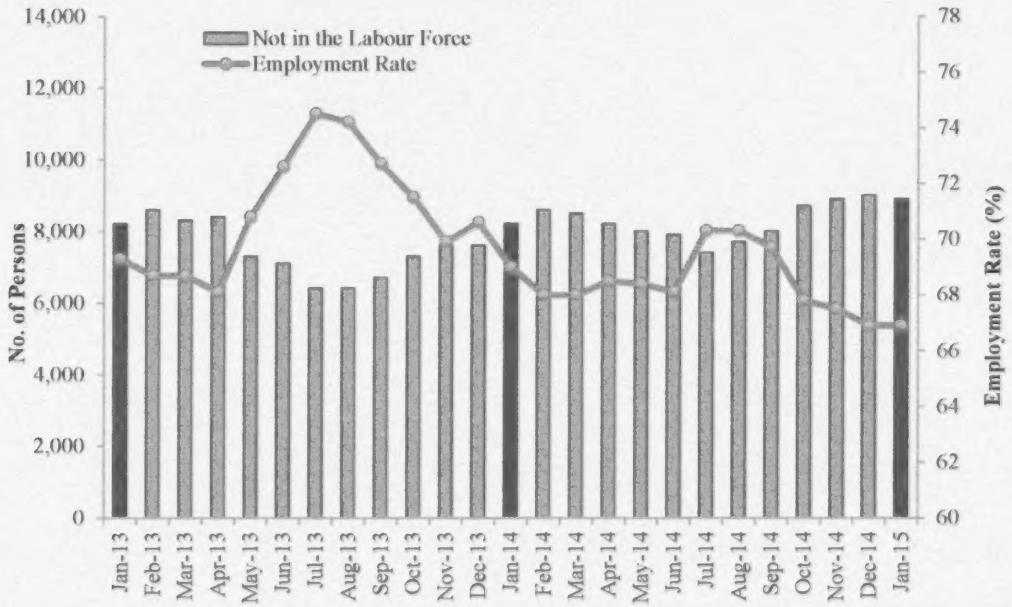

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Table 1 shows the employment levels by key characteristics for the month of January since 2013. In January 2015, the overall employment rate for most of the key characteristics was lower than the previous two years. The exception is for Yellowknife, Non-Aboriginal persons, and females, whose employment rates were comparable to January of last year. Decreases in employment were noted for males and those living outside of Yellowknife while the number of females employed has remained stable for the past three years.

Table 1 ***Employment Rates by Key Characteristics Northwest Territories***

	Jan-15		Jan-14		Jan-13	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	21,600	66.9	22,500	69.0	22,600	69.3
15-24 Yrs.	2,500	40.3	2,800	43.7	2,900	43.9
25 Yrs. & Over	19,100	73.2	19,600	74.8	19,700	76.1
Males	10,800	66.7	11,700	70.9	11,800	71.5
Females	10,800	67.1	10,800	67.1	10,800	67.5
Aboriginal	7,600	50.3	8,000	54.1	7,600	53.1
Non-Aboriginal	14,000	81.4	14,500	81.5	15,000	82.0
Yellowknife	12,500	80.6	12,600	79.7	12,700	80.4
Other	9,000	53.6	9,800	58.3	9,900	58.9

There was no change in total employment between December 2014 and January 2015. However, over the past 12-month period, total employment decreased by 900 persons (Table 2). Most of the decline occurred in full-time employment and the service industry.

Table 2 ***Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics Northwest Territories, October 2014***

				Dec 14 to Jan-15	Jan 14 to Jan-15
	Jan-15	Dec-14	Jan-14	Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,600	21,600	22,500	-	(900)
Full-time	19,300	19,400	20,100	(100)	(800)
Part-time	2,200	2,200	2,400	-	(200)
Employees	19,900	19,800	20,700	100	(800)
Public	9,100	8,900	9,500	200	(400)
Private	10,800	10,900	11,200	(100)	(400)
Self-employment	1,700	1,900	1,700	(200)	-
Goods Producing	3,600	3,800	3,900	(200)	(300)
Service Producing	18,000	17,800	18,600	200	(600)

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 3 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Jan-15	32,300	23,400	21,600	1,800	8,900	72.4	7.7	66.9
Dec-14	32,300	23,300	21,600	1,700	9,000	72.1	7.3	66.9
Nov-14	32,300	23,400	21,800	1,700	8,900	72.4	7.3	67.5
Oct-14	32,300	23,700	21,900	1,800	8,700	73.4	7.6	67.8
Sep-14	32,300	24,300	22,500	1,800	8,000	75.2	7.4	69.7
Aug-14	32,300	24,600	22,700	1,900	7,700	76.2	7.7	70.3
Jul-14	32,300	24,900	22,700	2,200	7,400	77.1	8.8	70.3
Jun-14	32,300	24,400	22,000	2,400	7,900	75.5	9.8	68.1
May-14	32,300	24,300	22,100	2,200	8,000	75.2	9.1	68.4
Apr-14	32,400	24,200	22,200	2,100	8,200	74.7	8.7	68.5
Mar-14	32,500	24,000	22,100	1,800	8,500	73.8	7.5	68.0
Feb-14	32,500	24,000	22,100	1,900	8,600	73.8	7.9	68.0
Previous Years:								
Jan-14	32,600	24,400	22,500	1,900	8,200	74.8	7.8	69.0
Jan-13	32,600	24,400	22,600	1,800	8,200	74.8	7.4	69.3
Jan-12	32,300	24,200	22,300	1,900	8,100	74.9	7.9	69.0
Jan-11	32,100	23,600	21,800	1,800	8,500	73.5	7.6	67.9
Jan-10	31,800	22,100	20,700	1,400	9,700	69.5	6.3	65.1
Jan-09	31,700	22,800	21,800	1,000	8,900	71.9	4.4	68.8
Jan-08	31,700	23,700	22,300	1,400	8,000	74.8	5.9	70.3
Jan-07	31,300	24,600	23,300	1,300	6,800	78.6	5.3	74.4
Jan-06	31,200	23,800	22,700	1,200	7,400	76.3	5.0	72.8
Jan-05	31,000	24,000	22,300	1,800	7,000	77.4	7.5	71.9

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

Labour force estimates have been revised historically by Statistics Canada beginning with this release.

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